(b) The District Magistrate 24-Parganas (West Bengal) has already addressed the Deputy Commissioner, Jessore (Bangladesh) requesting him to take steps immediately to stop the construction embankment. The Chief Engineer, West Bengal, who is the Chairman of the Local Level Committee of the Joint Rivers Commission is also taking up the matter with his counterpart from Bangladesh.

Guwahati Inland Container Depot

153. SHRI K. MOHANAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Guwahati Inland Container Depot is likely to start functioning;

(b) whether the Railway Department and the tea industry have reached an agreement for the successful commissioning of the said ICD; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) The Inland Container Depot at Amingaon near Guwahati is likely to be commissioned this year.

(b) and (c) No formal agreement is entered into between the Railways and the users of the Inland Container Depot. However, the process of consultation between the Railways and the representatives of various interests like the tea trade, Tea Association of India, State Government of Assam, Customs, Port etc., has already been completed and their points of view taken into consideration.

Railway Coach Factory at Gulbarga

154. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal for establishing a coach factory at Gulbarga in Karnataka was examined by the Railways; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Gulbarga was one of the various sites examined for location of the new coach factory. It has since been decided to locate the factory in Punjab.

New Coaches

155. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:
SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of new coaches manufactured during the last three years to replace the old coaches and how many of these new coaches have been actually utilised to replace the old coaches; and

(b) what are the reasons for not utilising all the new coaches manufactured to replace the old ones and the manner in which these new coaches are likely to be utilised?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) and (b) 3249 Passenger Carrying Vehicles of all gauges were manufactured from 1982-83 to 1984-85. Out of these, 2639 coaches were put on service for replacement of overaged coaches and balance were utilised for augumentation of old services and introduction of new trains.

Complaints against DTC Drivers and Conductors

156. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have of late been an increase in complaints by the commuters as also by some Members of Parliament about the callousness of and rash and negligent driving by the drivers;

(b) the number of DTC bus accidents which took place during the period from 1st October, 1984 to June, 1985 and which occurred due to rash